MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): May be.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what is the distance from Kottayam to Changanachery?

PRESIDENT: The member should not ask questions for which he knows the answer.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): Do not Government think it necessary to have a training school at Alwaye?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government considered the question and have come to the conclusion to wait until their financial conditions improve.

Establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Mavelikara.

81 *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that many representations have been made through the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and by means of memorials for the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Mavelikara;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that such representations from Kunnattur, Tiruvalla, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli have been granted by conferring upon the Tahsildars of those taluks magisterial powers: and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for not granting at least the same kind of relief to the inhabitants of Mavelikara taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) The Tahsildars of Kunnattur, Tiruvalla, and Kartikapalli have been invested with magisterial powers;

(*c*) There are few places in the Mavelikara taluk which are far away from either of the Magistrates' Courts at Kayancolam or Chengannur. Hence there is no necessity for investing the Mavelikara Tahsildar with magisterial powers?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, whether there are few places or no places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Few places in Mavelikara.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Which are those places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): But, I may tell the member that the longest distance from Palamel is about 12 miles.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Tahsildar, Mavelikara, has got more treasury work than the Tahsildar, Tiruvalla.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar, Mavelikara, has ordinary treasury work like any other Tahsildar.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Hss the Government any objection to invest certain Tahsildars with magisterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not necessary. Moreover, the member knows that Government invest their Tahsildars with magisterial power only very sparingly in view of the general policy enunciated by them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how many Tahsildars were invested very recently with magisterial powers.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Very few.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Were not about 20 Tahsildars invested with magisterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): In view of the fact that there is a Police Station at Mavelikara, does the Government consider it necessary to confer on the Mavelikara Tahsildar magsterial powers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The distance from Kayankulam to Mavelikara or Mavelikara to Chengannur is not much.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the distance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 12 miles is not long in these days of motor traffic.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there motor traffic from Palamel to Kayankulam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is motor traffic from Mavelikara.

Expenditure on the land etc., for the bridge across the Kulakkada river on the Mavelikara—Tiruvalla road.

82. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent till now (2-12-1108) for the land and the preliminary works for the bridge across the Kulakkada river on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road; and

(*b*) the reasons for not carrying out the work on which some expenditure has been incurred?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) A sum of Rs.1,690-1-0 has been spent till the end of Karkadagom 1106.

(*b*) The work is held up for want of funds.

Levy of fees from pupils of depressed classes.

83. ***MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether instructions have been issued by the Director of Public Instruction to the Headmasters and Managers to levy school fees in the first instance from all pupils irrespective of their belonging to depressed or backward communities and to refund such fees in cases of proved inability to pay?

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